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Funds for Scholarship Schemes
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released the funds under various scholarship schemes including Pre-Matric and PostMatric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) as per the demand of the States, if not, the reasons therefor along with the details of funds demanded and actually released during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether funds under the said schemes have not been released by the Government on time in certain cases, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether delay in release of funds has affected the education of a large number of SC and OBC students and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
(d) whether various States have urged the Government to release the funds for the scholarship schemes on time and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government for timely release of funds and to ensure that scholarship is provided to the SC and OBC students on time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in answer to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 160 for 8.03.2016 by Shri Laxmi Narayan Yadav and Shri Dushyant Chautala regarding Funds for Scholarship Schemes

(a) to (e) Government releases funds to States under the following centrally sponsored scholarship schemes for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Classes (BC);
(i) Pre-Matric Scholarship to SC Students studying in classes IX and X.
(ii) Post- Matric Scholarship to SC students
(iii) Pre-matric Scholarship for OBC Students
(iv) Post Matric Scholarship for OBC Students

Central Government releases due Central Assistance (CA) in full to the States/UTs in respect of all Scholarship Schemes for SC students except Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students (PMS-SC). It has not been possible for the Central Government to release the entire due central assistance to the States/UTs with respect to PMS(SC) due to inadequate allocation. However, as and when funds are available CA is released without delay. The details of funds demanded and actually released during each of the last three years, State-wise under PMS(SC) is attached at Annexure-I.
The details of fund released under Pre-matric Scholarship for SC students studying in classes IX and X are attached at Annexure-II.

Under the Scholarship Schemes for OBCs ,it is not possible for Central Government to meet the full demands of the States. Every year, the total budget provided under the schemes is divided and allocated to States/UT Administrations having OBC population on notional allocation based on their total population (as per 2011 census data) since the State-wise accurate population of the OBCs is not available. The Notional Allocation is conveyed to the States/UTs at the beginning of the financial year and they are requested to send proposals within their Notional Allocation. The States/UTs are requested to limit the number of scholarships to the extent of Central Assistance plus State's Committed Liability. However, they are free to supplement their expenditure under the schemes from the State Plan allocation for additional demand. The details of funds demanded and actually released during each of the last three years, State-wise under Post Matric and Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC students are attached at Annexure-III and Annexure-IV respectively.